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# MERRILL'S VERTICAL PENMANSHIP

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## Introduction

THE advantages of Vertical Penmanship over the old slanting style, briefly stated, are as follows:

**1. Legibility.** Good vertical writing is almost as legible as print.

**2. Ease of Acquisition.** It is easy to teach and easy to learn, as the letters are simple and the pupil will instinctively assume the correct position.

**3. Economy.** Vertical writing saves time, labor, and materials, because it can be more quickly written, because it does not tire the hand, back, or eyes, and



because it requires less space, therefore less paper and ink.

**4. Hygiene.** It obviates the dangers of curvature of the spine and defective sight, which medical authorities state are so often the evil results of the old method.

Merrill's Vertical Penmanship has been prepared after long and careful investigation and study on the part of the editors and publishers, with the purpose of making a series of copy books which should possess in the highest degree the advantages above enumerated.

The distinguishing feature of Merrill's Vertical

Penmanship is its extreme simplicity. The writing staff is divided into only three spaces, and all letters, both small and capital, are brought within these three spaces. The advantages of this must be apparent to all. It makes the system easier to teach, it follows more closely the proportions of ordinary type, and produces a style of penmanship having more character and dignity than any other scale.

Every single letter form has been carefully considered, so that it might combine the qualities of grace, legibility, and ease of execution.



After much deliberation, the proportion of 3 in width to 4 in height has been adopted as the basis of capitals and small letters, and the initial and terminal strokes are made to extend one-half space vertically and horizontally—a unique feature greatly simplifying the letters. The 3×4 proportion produces a letter of great beauty, grace, and perfect legibility, and, as compared with the 4×4 letter, shows an economy of space amounting to 33½%. This proportion has been adhered to throughout, except in the case of the capitals H, M, N, U, and Y, where it was found that a more graceful letter was secured by the 4×4 proportion.

## Suggestion to the Teacher

See that the pupil sits directly fronting the desk, with the forearms resting lightly on it in an easy attitude. The book should be in front of the body, in such a position that its lower edge is parallel to the edge of the desk. The penholder should be held naturally and easily between the thumb and two fingers. Let the book be pushed up as the writing descends, so that the hand is always at about the same distance from the edge of the

desk. See that the pupil writes deliberately and carefully, and, if a beginner, constantly remind him to take pains that the down strokes in such letters as *i*, *u*, *m*, *t*, *f*, and *g* are vertical and parallel. One of the great advantages of vertical writing is that a child is able to write in an entirely natural, unconstrained position. Bear this in mind, and be careful that the pupils do not attempt to write in the cramped position usual in slant writing.



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Were not attained by sudden flight,  
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Were toiling upward in the night. Longfellow.

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"	11	" E. Beach	9	96	50	"	18	" Sunds.	8	50	30
"	19	" Cash	11	50	00	"	26	" A. Field	11	90	
"	22	" Bills Pay.	13	84		"	30	" Mdse.	16	116	32

Phelps, Butterfield, & Reynolds,  
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New York, Nov. 25, 1895.

Mrs. N. L. Bolton,

To the Misses Lamont, Dr.

To one quarter's tuition for Florence,

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> to date, \$15.00

Materials furnished, 3.50 \$18.50

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Fifty Dollars, and charge the same to A. D. Wilt.

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£38..8..6 Stg.

New York, May 22, 1895.

On demand of this First of Exchange,  
(Second unpaid,) pay to the order of Maynard,  
Merrill, & Co., Thirty-eight pounds  $\frac{8}{10}$ —Sterling,  
value received, which charge to account of  
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No. 75

New York, Sept. 2, 1895.

## National Park Bank.

Pay to the order of Charles G. Leonard ~~~~~

Four Hundred  $\frac{00}{100}$  ~~~~~ Dollars.\$400  $\frac{00}{100}$ 

Oliver, Davis &amp; Co.

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Chicago, Ill., Oct. 1, 1895.

L. M. Slade,

Bought of Parsons &amp; Co.

Sept.	2	14 lbs. Gran. Sugar	@ 5¢		70
"	"	1 box Laundry Soap		5	16
"	4	5 lbs. Prunes	12¢		60
"	"	4 lbs. Best Butter	28¢	1	12
"	10	1 bbl. Flour		5	25
"	"	3 lbs. J. & M. Coffee mixed	38¢	1	14
"	14	3 doz. Eggs	25¢		75
"	"	2 Brooms	32¢		64
"	21	1 pkg. Cocoa			22
"	"	½ lb. E. B. Tea			40
"	26	6 Lamp b.	10¢		60
"	"	6 Cans Tomatoes.	14¢		84
Received Payment,				17	42



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Chicago, Ill., Aug. 3, 1895.

Maynard, Merrill, & Co.

43, 45, & 47 East Tenth St.,  
New York City.

Gentlemen,

Please ship us at once by West Shore Freight  
the following goods:

5000 R.H. Graded Lessons,

6000 " Higher Lessons,

200 doz. each number Merrill's Vertical  
Copy-books, Stand. Series,

150 doz. each number Merrill's Vertical  
Copy-books, Inter. Series,

500 Young's Government Class Book,

300 Anderson's Historical Reader,

500 each Maynard's English Classic Series,  
Longfellow's Evangeline,  
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Yours very truly,



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743 Albany Av., Brooklyn, N.Y.,  
Aug. 28, 1895.

Messrs. X. Y. Zabriskie & Co.,  
93 Maiden Lane,  
New York City.

Gentlemen, - Learning by advertisement that a clerkship in your house is vacant, I desire to apply for the situation.

I am sixteen years old and am strong and in excellent health. I have just graduated with honor from the Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, and I inclose testimonial of my character and standing from the President of that Institution.

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148-152 Wall St.,  
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Ezra Dixon, Esq.,  
Altoona, Pa.

Dear Sir: Your telegram of this date instructing us to purchase \$10,000, Mo. K. & T. 1<sup>st</sup> 4% Mortgage Bonds @ 83 $\frac{7}{8}$  was received at 12 M.

The market has been firm all day and these bonds have not sold for less than 84 $\frac{1}{4}$ . We think this upward tendency is only temporary, however, and that we shall be able to secure the bonds at your figures in a day or two.

The \$6,000, Texas and Pac. 1<sup>st</sup> 5's which you sent us last week to sell at 89 have this day been sold at 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Herewith we hand you check for the amount due as per statement inclosed.

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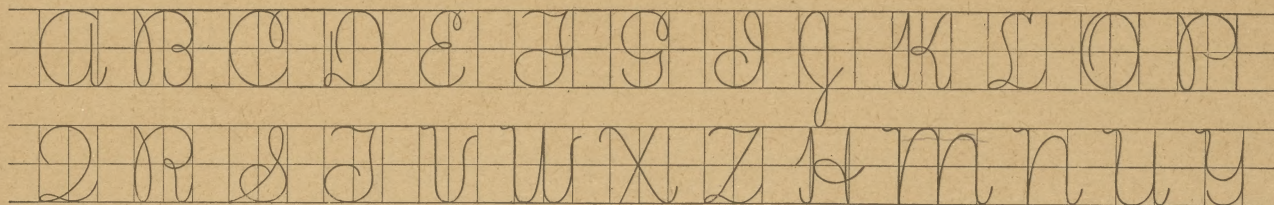
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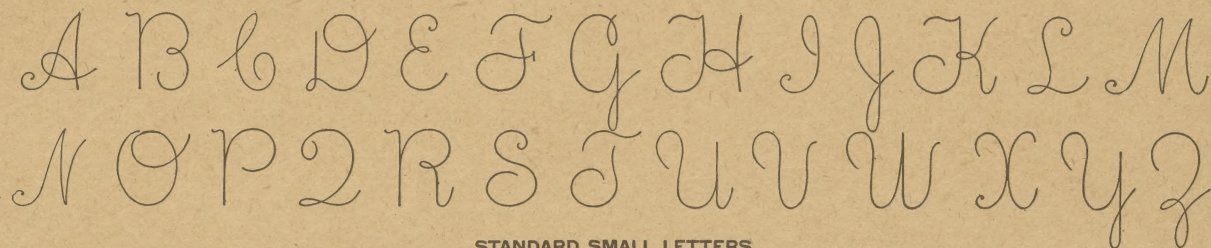
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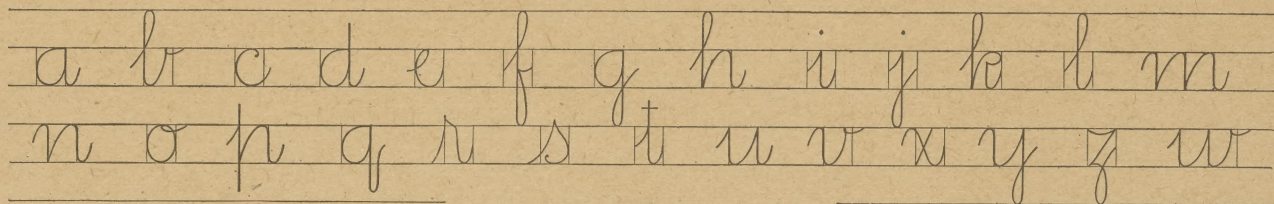
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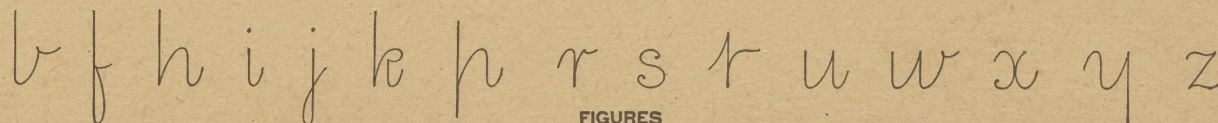
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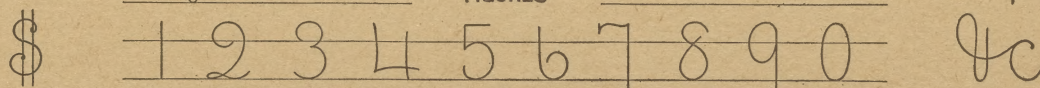
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### FIGURES



For explanation of this chart see second cover page.

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